



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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Dear Child Care Subsidy Vendor:

Thank you for participating in Virginia's Child Care Subsidy Program.

The Virginia Department of Social Services recognizes there will be vast differences in learning environments for school-age children this fall as school districts statewide respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Child Care Subsidy program is prepared to work with child care providers, school districts, and community partners as they identify specific child care needs in their communities.

During the 2020-2021 school year, parents can receive child care subsidy for times during the day when school is delivered virtually and child care is needed for parents to participate in their approved activity. This also applies when both in-person instruction and virtual instruction are available and the parent chooses to have their child participate virtually. Parents who are sending their school-age children to child care for full day virtual learning should contact their case manager for schedule adjustments.

Child care rates that are currently in the system for school-age children will be utilized. The child care rates **will not** be adjusted at this time for school-age virtual learning.

The providers that are establishing virtual learning should follow the guidelines below:

Assistance that caregivers can provide to support virtual learning includes:	Assistance that caregivers <u>cannot</u> provide to support virtual learning includes:
1. Answering questions	1. Direct instruction
2. Helping children complete assigned schoolwork	2. Delivering lesson plans
3. Tutoring	3. Grading schoolwork
4. Homework help	4. Testing

If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact your local department of social services. Thank you for your continued service to Virginia families during this critical time.

The Virginia Department of Social Services, the Child Care Subsidy Program, and your Local Department of Social Services thank you for your service during this unprecedented public health crisis.

Sincerely,

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